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In re Application of :
Hobson : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/710,520 :
Filed: July 18, 2004 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: 228412082003 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed November 21, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned March 29, 2005 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed December 28, 2004. The non-final Office action set a three month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 was timely submitted. Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 5, 2005.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alesia M. Brown'.

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